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In re the application of:
LUTTICKEN ET AL.

Serial Number: 09/084,837 Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: May 26, 1998 Examiner: MOSHER, M.

For: RECOMBINANT BIRNAVIRUS VACCINE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §132(b)

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above referenced application pursuant to 37 CFR §132(b). Prosecution on the above referenced application is closed, as the application is under final rejection. Applicants are submitting the fee required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(e) and making the following submission. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees to deposit account 02-2334.

I. Submission

The application presently stands rejected from the final rejection of March 13, 2001. Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

II. Remarks concerning obviousness